

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Jul 18, 2017

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the County Board, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room in the Campbell Building, 901 Public Square, Benton, Illinois by Chairman Randall Crocker.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary, Greg Woolard, called the roll. Members in attendance were Randall Crocker, Neil Hargis, Stephen Leek, Danny Melvin, Robert Pierce, Alan Price, David Rea, Tom Vaughn, and Jack Warren.

Also attendances were Gayla Sink, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Keith Ward, Recycling Coordinator; Don Jones, Sheriff of Franklin County; Keith Jones, Franklin County Treasurer; Lorie LeQuatee, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Lynne Edwards, 2nd Circuit Probation Office; Mike Carpenter, E-911 Director; Keith Thomason, Rend Lake Conservancy District and other interested parties.

**PLEDGE**

Chairman Randall Crocker lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker asked the public if there were comments at this time, no comments made.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Danny Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2017 Regular County Board Meeting and June 28, 2017 Special Meeting. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COUNTY CLAIMS**

Alan Price made a motion to pay the claims on file. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that a closed session is not needed at this time.

**RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION**

**DELINQUENT TAX  
RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature (Randall Crocker) to execute deeds on parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

Danny Melvin made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2017-28 thru 2017-30.

**REND LAKE  
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
REPORT**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Rend Lake Conservancy District Report and at this time he introduced Keith Thomason from the Rend Lake Conservancy District. Keith Thomason explained some history on Rend Lake and gave a report on the District and updates. They are anticipating in the future.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the report that Keith Thomason presented. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said report is made a part of these minutes.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT -  
APPROVAL TO SALE A  
TRUCK**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Highway Department approval to sale a truck.

Danny Melvin made a motion to approve the sale of a truck for the Highway Department. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**PROBATION &  
DETENTION  
REIMBURSEMENT ISSUE**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Probation & Detention Reimbursement issue and he informed the County Board that this needs to be tabled at this time.

**911 FUNDING ISSUE**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the 911 Funding issue and this also needs to be tabled per Evan Owens, States Attorney.

**INDEPENDENT  
CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN FRANKLIN  
COUNTY & ASSISTANT  
OR "SPECIAL" PUBLIC  
DEFENDER**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Independent Contractor Agreement between Franklin County & Assistant or "Special" Public Defender and he explained Mike Rowland retired and Adam Nagreaski will be replacing him.

Stephen Leek made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2017-11.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
- TEMPORARY HIRE**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is temporary hire for the Sheriff's Department and he explained one deputy was in the Army Reserves and needs someone to replace him until he returns around September.

Danny Melvin made a motion to approve the temporary hire for the Sheriff's Department as presented. David Rea seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
- TRAVEL REQUEST**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the travel request for the Sheriff's Department and he read a letter and an agenda from the Illinois Sheriff's Association stating this is the 2017 Summer Training Conference in Springfield, Illinois on August 4th thru 7th the cost will be \$500 plus the room rate.

Danny Melvin made a motion to approve the travel request for the Sheriff's Department. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter & agenda are made a part of these minutes.

**MOSQUITO ABATEMENT  
BOARD - 2  
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda are two appointments for the Mosquito Abatement Board, Jean Harkins and Ron Harkins request to be reappointed.

Stephen Leek made a motion to reappoint Jean Harkins and Ron Harkins to the Mosquito Abatement Board for a four year term ending August 20, 2021. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY MENTAL  
HEALTH "708" BOARD**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that an appointment is needed to the Franklin County Community Mental Health "708" Board due to the resignation of Dave Severin.

Stephen Leek made a motion to appoint Ryan Patton to the Franklin County Community Mental Health "708" Board to replace Dave Severin's unexpired term ending December 31, 2020. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COURTHOUSE  
DISCUSSION**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the courthouse discussion and ask Robert Pierce to explain. Robert Pierce wanted to figure out how to go about have an action review to describe the lessons learned on what went wrong and right about the failure of the passing the new courthouse on the ballot.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve this action. Danny Melvin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COUNTY CLERK,  
SHERIFF & CORONER'S  
MONTHLY REPORTS**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next three items on the agenda are the County Clerk, Sheriff and Coroner's monthly reports.

Stephen Leek made a motion to approve all three monthly report as presented. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

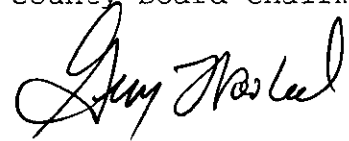
Said monthly reports for the County Clerk, Sheriff and Coroner are made a part of these minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker asked the Board if there were any questions. Alan Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. There being no further business Chairman Randall Crocker declared the meeting adjourned.



Randall Crocker  
Franklin County Board Chairman



Greg Woolard  
County Clerk and Recorder